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FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO SAIPAN SOONEST

1. OWING TECHNICAL REASONS, NOTE EXCHANGE DELAYED

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ANNOUNCEMENT WILL NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL NOTE EXCHANGE

AT SOONEST. WE WILL ADDITIONALLY REQUEST GOJ TO WITHHOLD IF POSSIBLE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR SEVERAL ADDITIONAL DAYS.

2. FOLLOWING IS INFORMATION REQUESTED PARAS 7 AND 8 REFTEL (A). THE TWO LAUNCHES TO BE TRACKED AT KWAJALEIN ARE: (A) ENGINEERING TEST SATELLITE-I AND (B) IONSPHERIC SOUNDING SATELLITE. PURPOSE OF THE FORMER IS TO TEST THE CAPABILITY OF THE LAUNCH VEHICLE TO ORBIT A SATELLITE, AND TO TEST SATELLITE CONTROLLING AND TRACKING TECHNOLOGY. THE LATTER IS FOR GATHERING A VARIETY OF SCIENTIFIC DATA: ION DENSITY, RADIO NOISE, PLASMA MEASUREMENTS AND DISTRIBUTION OF CRITICAL RADIO

FREQUENCIES.

3. NEITHER LAUNCH HAS ANY MILITARY PURPOSE OR CAPABILITY, OFFENSIVE OR DEFENSIVE. NOR ARE THESE IN ANY WAY "SPY" SATELLITES. JAPANESE MERELY WISH TO CONTRIBUTE TO EXPLORATION OF SPACE BY GATHERING SCIENTIFIC DATA FOR BENEFIT OF ALL MANKIND. THE PEACEFUL, SCIENTIFIC PURPOSE OF THIS JAPANESE SPACE PROGRAM IS MAJOR CONDITION OF USG COOPERATION.

4. AS STATED REF (B), LAUNCHES WILL BE FROM JAPAN. PURPOSE OF KWAJALEIN FACILITY USAGE IS FINAL MONITORING OF HEALTH OF LAUNCH VEHICLE AND SATELLITE PRIOR TO INSERTION OF SATELLITE INTO ORBIT. THERE WILL BE NO IMPACTS IN MARSHALL ISLANDS AREA.

5. AGREEMENT STATES USG CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL WILL OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE TRACKING FACILITY, AND USG HAS RIGHT OF INSPECTION. JAPANESE PRESENCE SHOULD BE VERY LOW PROFILE, EVEN TO KWAJALEINESE (NO MORE THAN SIX JAPANESE PERMITTED ON KWAJALEIN), BUT USG WISHED MARSHALLESE TO BE INFORMED TO AVOID MISCONSTRUCTION OF USG AND JAPANESE INTENT.

6. SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THIS AGREEMENT IS IN KEEPING WITH PAST INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION WHICH HAS MADE CONFIDENTIAL

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POSSIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SATELLITES, METEOROLOGICAL SATELLITES AND OTHER PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE. JAPANESE COULD LAUNCH THESE SATELLITES IN ANY CASE. USG MERELY WISHES TO COOPERATE IN ENSURING SUCCESSFUL MISSION, JUST AS OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE ASSISTED USG IN TRACKING OUR LAUNCHES.

7. THERE WILL BE OTHER TRACKING STATIONS BESIDES THAT

ON KWAJALEIN.

8. WE ACKNOWLEDGE USE OF TERM "MISSILE" WAS UNFORTUNATE
IF IT CONNOTED MILITARY PURPOSE TO MARSHALLESE.
THIS TERM NOT USED IN AGREEMENT ITSELF. HOPE
FOREGOING HELPS TO CLARIFY TOTALLY PEACEFUL AND
SCIENTIFIC PURPOSE OF THE JAPANESE SATELLITE LAUNCHES. RUSH

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